

## COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

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### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC MEETING “PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES OF CONTEMPORARY GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCE AND TEACHING” IN BRZEĆE**

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Faculty of Geography – University of Belgrade organized an international scientific conference “Problems and challenges of contemporary geographical science and teaching”, which was held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 in Brzeće (Kopaonik, Republic of Serbia).

The task of the meeting was to highlight different theoretical paradigms and methodological models of geographical disciplines. The referral papers emphasized on addressing local, regional and global issues of demography, socio-economic geography, teaching and education, spatial planning and landscaping, environmental ethics and protection and the organization and protection of tourism space.

The conference work began with a plenary session, followed by papers presented in the thematic sections. At the plenary session, nine papers were announced within the three thematic areas: Theoretical and methodological development directions of geographical sciences, Geographic issues and problems of the Serbian states and Problems in geography teaching. Further work of the meeting was organized into several sections:

1. Methods and didactics of geography;
2. Cartography and GIS;
3. Demography;
4. Development directions of socio-economic geography;
5. Applied physical geography, environment and spatial planning, and
6. Tourism

Papers releases from this event are gathered in the Meeting Proceedings, published by the Faculty of Geography. Articles are published in English or Serbian language, but the abstracts and summaries are bilingual. In total 122 geographers and representatives from geographic and other institutions participated in the meeting. Among others, the meeting was attended by representatives of the Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijić" SASA, who

announced 5 papers. These papers analyzed the attendance of natural disasters prevention problems in schooling, causality of low fertility and aging population in Serbia, the natural conditions of socio-economic development in Belgrade periurban fringe, gentrification in central zone of Belgrade and bioclimatic characteristics of Belgrade and Zlatibor as a factor of health tourism. Participants of the meeting were mostly from Serbia, but there were also those from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Russia, Germany and Slovenia. In the two-day conference, it was announced more than 70 papers in different areas of geographical science, and the proceeding collection included 84 papers.

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